

NEW YORK HERALD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1863.

THE NAVY.

Presentation of a Gold Medal to an Officer of the Navy.

A heavy and beautiful medal has been presented to Lieutenant J. W. Kittridge, of the United States Navy. On one side of the medal are the following words which tell why it was presented:

"Presented to John W. Kittridge for his humanity, energy and skill, in rescuing from drowning a little boy who fell from a ferry boat between New York and Staten Island, July 20, 1862."

On the same side the semi circumference of the margin has the following in Latin:—*Vita Felicibus Auctis Seruita;* and the rest of the margin is ornamented with a wreath. On the other side a ship is represented on a sea shore struggling in the billows. Over it are the words: *Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York;* and underneath, "incorporated 26th March, 1849."

The following is the letter accompanying the presentation, and the reply:

New York, Dec. 8, 1862.

Lieutenant J. W. Kittridge, United States Navy.

Sir—It afford me much pleasure to present to you the gold medal of the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York, in compliance with a resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Association on the 15th of January, 1863. An earlier presentation of the medal has been prevented by your absence from this city on official duty on the coast of Texas. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. TILSTON.

President of the Life Saving Benevolent Association, New York.

Dear Sir—It afford me much pleasure to accept the gold medal of the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York, in compliance with a resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Association on the 15th of January, 1863. An earlier presentation of the medal has been prevented by your absence from this city on official duty on the coast of Texas. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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The prize steamer Swan, formerly of Mobile, was sold at a Marshall's sale on the 20th to Mr. Wm. Curry for \$60,000.

The wind-kid steamer Minnie Sanford was sold at auction as she now lies on the Florida reef for \$200. Engines and fixtures all removed, and will probably be shipped to New York.

United States schooner Wanderer arrived on the 24th from Key West, Fla., with a number of refugees and four contrabands who repeat the story of distress and want in that region.

The weather has been remarkably cold for the last ten days, with a very stiff north wind which has come suddenly upon us here, driving northwardly a swaying mother, but all are now gone excepting the former Albany with a portion of the Forty-second Massachusetts regiment.

Anxered is a list of the officers attached to the United States Army of War, date, now stationed as her a Harbor Defense.

Action Master Commanding—J. G. Barclay.

Action Master and Executive Officer—R. Frank Cook.

Action Assistant Paymaster—Robert B. Rodney.

Action Assistant Surgeons—James McLean & F. B. French.

Action Ensigns—Joseph A. Dennis and John T. Mount.

Gunners—William Mowbray.

Master—David C. Kiersted, Marcellus.

Paymaster's Clerk—James W. Locke.

The Indian Executions in Minnesota.

The thirty-nine condemned Sioux Indians (see one) were hung at Mankato, Minnesota, on the 26th of December. The gallows stood upon the high street close in front of the Levee. It is estimated that not less than four thousand people, exclusive of the military, were in attendance.

The gallows was erected in the form of a diamond, twenty-four feet on each angle, sufficient to execute ten on each side. A square was formed around the gallows by the military, and the citizens occupied the sand bar on the river. The ceremony was brief, and the whole number of savages were sent at the same moment before the Great Spirit to answer for their inhuman barbarities.

Upon leaving the stone building the condemned set up the death dance, and kept it up on the platform.

While the soldiers were at work upon the gallows a stranger came up to one of them who was plucking the platform and asked the privilege of "driving one nail." He wanted to drive it in a place where it would be of service. The soldier handed him his hammer and a nail and told him where to drive. The man drove the nail home into a plank of the platform, thanked the soldier, said he was satisfied, and left.

Wm. J. Doh, who had half his family massacred at Lake Shiek, was assigned by Colonel Miller the duty of cutting the rope. Another man offered five dollars for the privilege.

The following are the names of those who were executed:

No. 2. Te-hin-ho-cha.—Hangged in the massasses, a white woman prisoner and ravished her.

No. 4. Taxoo, alias Paudou.—Convicted of participating in the murder of Mr. Patrice, and of ravishing a young girl.

No. 5. Wy-a-hin-a-wah.—Confessed to have participated in the murder of Mr. Francis Patrice, and to have been engaged in three battles.

No. 6. Hin-shan-ho-ya-ga-ma.—Convicted of the murder of Alexander Hunter, and of having taken and sold Mrs. Hunter a prisoner until she was rescued from his hands.

No. 10. Mu-nu-ha-a-hu.—Convicted of the murder of an old man and two children.

No. 11. Wah-pa-du-a.—Confessed to have engaged in the massasses, and that he shot a white man.

No. 12. Wah-pa-du-a.—Convicted of participating in the battles, and of the murder of two persons.

No. 14. Su-ma-ni.—Convicted of the murder of two persons.

No. 15. Ta-sa-mi.—Convicted of murder, and of the capture of women and children.

No. 19. Rd-a-yun-ka-un.—Took a prominent part in all the battles, including an attack on New Ulm, leading and urging the Indians forward, and opposing the giving up of the captives when it was proposed by others.

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No. 21. Wah-pa-du-a.—Confessed to have participated in the battles, and of the murder of two persons.

No. 23. Shon-ka-sha.—Convicted of the murder of a white man at the Big Woods.

No. 24. Ma-ka-ha-naj.—Convicted of participating in the massacres near New Ulm, and of endeavoring to the young men to do the same.

No. 25. Te-hin-ho-cha.—Convicted of participating in the massacre at the party of eight white men.

No. 27. Te-hin-ho-cha.—Convicted of participating in the massacres at Beaver Creek, and of taking captive a white woman.

No. 30. Wa-ha-choo.—Convicted of participating in the massacre at Green Lake. Admits that he was struck with an ax after he had been shot by others of the party.

No. 32. Chat-ton-ho-cha.—Convicted of having been one of a party that massacred the massasses at Beaver Creek.

No. 33. Hin-ho-cha.—Convicted of having been one of the party and present when Patrice was killed, and to have saved May Anderson (who was wounded) from being killed, and to have taken her prisoner.

No. 35. Hin-ho-cha.—Convicted of the murder of a child and others. Was one of the party that brought in the body of May Anderson.

No. 37. Oy-a-ya-hoo.—Convicted of participating in the massacre at Beaver Creek, and of killing a white woman.

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